

To the Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the application of:

Inventor: Frondoza et al

Serial No.: 10/731,366

Filed: December 9, 2003

For: METHOD FOR COMPOSITE CELL-BASED IMPLANTS

☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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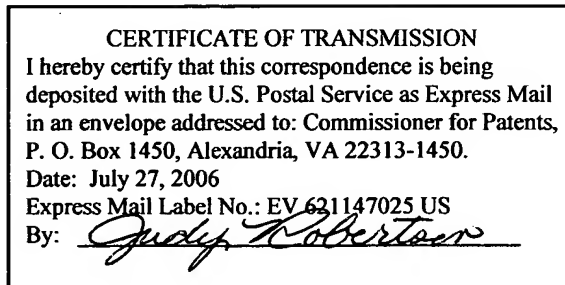
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Respectfully submitted,


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Frondoza et al	*	
Serial No.	10/731,366	*	
Filed:	December 9, 2003	*	Art Unit: 1636
For:	METHOD FOR COMPOSITE CELL-BASED IMPLANTS	*	Examiner: Mr. David Guzo
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In the Claims:

Claims 1-35 (canceled).

Claim 36 (original): A method for replacing a tissue or body part or filling a void in a tissue comprising (1) preparing a solid implant; (2) preparing an injectable cell-containing formulation; (3) implanting the solid implant into a cavity or defect in the tissue; and (4) injecting the injectable cell-containing formulation into the interstices between the tissue and the solid implant.

Claim 37 (original): The method of Claim 36 in which the solid implant contains cells.

Claim 38 (original): The method of Claim 36 wherein the cells are chondrocytes.

Claims 39-53 (canceled).